



Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning

Planning for the Challenges Ahead



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REPORT ON BOARD MOTION REGARDING THE OIL AND GAS STRIKE TEAM FOR UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY (MARCH 29, 2016 – AGENDA ITEM NO. 12)

On March 29, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) passed a motion instructing the Director of Regional Planning, in coordination with the Fire Chief, Interim Director of the Department of Public Health, and Director of the Department of Public Works to convene a Strike Team to assess the conditions, regulatory compliance and potential public health and safety risk associated with existing oil and gas facilities in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The Board instructed the Strike Team to report back on a biannual basis with a summary of its findings and any recommendations on legislative and regulatory positions that the Board should consider.

The Strike Team held a public meeting on October 13, 2016 to discuss the report and to hear public comment. The Strike Team passed a motion to direct staff to file this report with the Board and to present it to the Advisory Panel. This report is the first of three biannual Strike Team reports that will be provided to the Board during the 18-month long Strike Team effort.

The purpose of the Strike Team effort is to assess risk to the public and prioritize sites for further action through onsite visits using criteria including proximity to nearby communities, age and history of the facility, and use of regulated well stimulation techniques. This report includes an overview of Strike Team efforts over the last 3 month period, which focused on 1) updating the inventory of oil and gas facilities, 2) developing protocols to identify permit and compliance issues, and 3) facility visits. For each facility inspected, the report includes a description of the existing facility, a description of existing conditions based on site visits, an analysis of permit compliance, recommendations for further action as appropriate, and a summary of next

steps. This report also includes recommendations of other oil and gas facilities to be evaluated. Subsequent progress reports will include evaluation of potential public health and safety risks associated with existing oil and gas facilities, as well as legislative recommendations. The report and the appendices can be accessed on the Department's web page at planning.lacounty.gov/oil-gas/strike.

The next biannual report will be provided to you no later than March 29, 2017. Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Timothy Stapleton, Zoning Enforcement – West Area Section, at tstapleton@planning.lacounty.gov or (213) 974-6453.

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